

	MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY			
	EMERGENCY CLOSINGS	Descriptor Term:	Descriptor Number:	Date Adopted:
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The Director of Schools is empowered to close the schools, to delay the opening time, or to dismiss schools early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the health or safety of students and personnel.

In making the decision to close schools, the Director of Schools shall consider many factors including the following principal ones relating to the fundamental concern for the safety and health of children:

1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted,
2. Driving, traffic, and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities,
3. Actual occurrence or the imminent possibility of any emergency condition which would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous, and
4. Inability of teaching personnel to report for duty which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

If schools do remain open, the ultimate decision regarding attendance will be left to the parent of the individual child. Announcements concerning closings will be furnished to a local radio station, Cable Channel 3, and the three Nashville network television stations no later than 6 a.m., if possible. When schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members shall comply with Administrative Directive 2.3 in reporting for work.